

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16, 18, and 20-24 are pending in this application. Claims 1-10 and 22 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 17 and 19 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 23, and 24 are currently amended without the introduction of any new matter.

The outstanding Office Action includes a rejection of Claim 17 as being indefinite under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, a rejection of Claims 11-13, 16-21, 23, and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Orita et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,003,616, Orita) in view of Lanier (U.S. Patent No. 6,400,374), and a rejection of Claims 14 and 15 as being unpatentable over Orita in view of Lanier and in further view of JP 4-205476.

Initially Applicants note that the disposition of claims section of the Office Action Summary fails to give the withdrawn status of Claims 1-10 and 22 that stand as pending claims that have been withdrawn from consideration.

As a further initial matter, it is noted that the cancellation of Claims 17 and 19 render the rejection of Claim 17 under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 and the further 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections of Claims 17 and 19 moot.

Turning to the outstanding rejection of Claims 11-13, 16-21, and 23-24 as being unpatentable over Orita in view of Lanier, it is first noted that independent Claims 11, 20, and 23 all require an extraction image to be extracted from a given target image with the specific image including the extraction image being displayed in a specific operating condition. The

specific operating condition includes at least one of a state in which no image signal is being given to the projection display apparatus and a state in which a prescribed period has not elapsed after the startup of the projection display apparatus. The language that "a state in which a prescribed period has not elapsed after the startup of the projection display apparatus" means that, for example, the display apparatus has not yet reached a stable state as described at page 43, line 3 through page 45, line 8 of the specification. Neither Orita and/or Lanier reasonably teach or suggest these features of independent Claims 11, 20, or 23 whether they are considered alone or together in any proper reference combination. Thus, this rejection of independent Claims 11, 20, and 23 is traversed.

As Claims 12-16 depend ultimately from Claim 11, and as JP 4-205476 cures none of the deficiencies noted above as to Orita and Lanier, the rejections applied to Claims 12-16 are traversed for the reasons stated above.

In addition, the rejections applied as to Claims 12-16 are further traversed because each of these claims adds features to parent Claim 11 that are also not reasonably taught of fairly suggested by any of Orita and/or Lanier and/or JPO4-205476 whether they are considered alone or together in any proper reference combination. Thus, the rejections of Claims 12-16 are further traversed for this reason as well.

With regard to independent Claims 18, 21, and 24, it is noted that each of these claims recite and require judging if a display apparatus is in a specific operating condition or not and a specific image is displayed when the display apparatus is in the specific operating condition. The specific operating condition includes at least one of a state in which no image signal is being given to the projection display apparatus and a state in which a prescribed period has not

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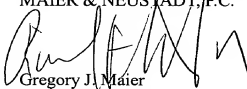
elapsed after the startup of the projection display apparatus. As noted above, the language that "a state in which a prescribed period has not elapsed after the startup of the projection display apparatus" means that, for example, the display apparatus has not yet reached a stable state as described at page 43, line 3 through page 45, line 8 of the specification. Neither Orita and/or Lanier reasonably teach or suggest these features of independent Claims 18, 21, or 24 whether they are considered alone or together in any proper reference combination. Thus, this rejection of independent Claims 18, 21, and 24 is traversed.

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Accordingly, as no other objections or rejections remain outstanding, it is believed that this application is clearly in condition for formal allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is, therefore, respectfully requested.

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